

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
IOWA CITY, IOWA #636A8
JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

JUSTIFICATION

In accordance with the requirements of FAR 6.302-1, 6.303, and 6.304, I submit the following justifications:

1. The action being approved is a proposed acquisition of Yale Mortises & Locks, as a brand name product in accordance with VAAR 852.236-90 – Restriction on Submission and Use of Equal Products, within solicitation VA-263-09-RA-0211, for project, "Renovate Inpatient Medical/Surgical Ward 7E," at the Iowa City, Iowa, VA Medical Center.
2. The medical center needs the Yale Mortises & Locks to provide and maintain security for the Iowa City VA Medical Center facility. The equipment needs to be compatible with the existing Yale Mortises & Locks. The government estimate for the Yale Mortises & Locks is [REDACTED].
3. The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR 6.302-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements, 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5), and 38 U.S.C. 8109(b) and VAAR 806.3.
4. Iowa City VAMC currently has Yale Mortises & Locks throughout the hospital. The same equipment must be maintained for uniformity throughout the Medical Center thereby providing for the streamlining of maintenance and storage of spare parts. The Medical Center currently uses Yale for all of our Mortises and Locks. Door security is critical to providing overall facility security. Maintaining spare parts and expertise in repairing/replacing other devices would jeopardize security to the entire facility. Obtaining the same equipment is necessary to maintain continuity throughout the hospital.
5. The solicitation for the construction project containing this requirement shall be posted on FedBizOpps as well as this J&A IAW FAR 5.102(a)(6).
6. It is determined that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.
7. Market research and Engineer's personal experience determined that there are no other systems compatible with the Iowa City VA Medical Center's Mortises & Locks requirement. Other vendor's offering Mortises & Locks would allow for the standardization and streamlining of maintenance and storage of spare parts.
8. There are currently no specifications for this requirement that would facilitate full and open competition as the manufacturer's particular brand name product and features are essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products will not meet the agency's needs. There are however, multiple Yale Mortises & Locks distributors.

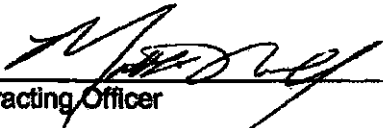
9. There are no sources that have expressed a written interest in this acquisition.
10. Full and open competition for this specific requirement could be provided if there were suppliers of equipment compatible in such a way as to maintain the standardization of parts and maintenance of the already utilized Yale Mortises & Locks.

APPROVAL

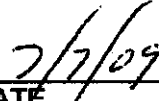
Based on the foregoing findings, I hereby determine, within the meaning of FAR 6.302-1 and in accordance with VAAR 806.304 and the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 that:

- a. It is in the best interest of the Iowa City VA Medical Center to acquire the Yale Mortises & Locks for the "Renovate Inpatient Medical/Surgical Ward 7E," construction project.

Upon the basis of these justifications, I hereby authorize the sole source solicitation for this procurement and by signing this document certify that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Contracting Officer



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